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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES**

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**CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

**10/531114**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
**PCT/EP2003/011191**

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
**09.10.2003**

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
**09.10.2002**

TITLE OF INVENTION

**METHOD AND MICROORGANISM FOR THE PRODUCTION OF D-MANNITOL**

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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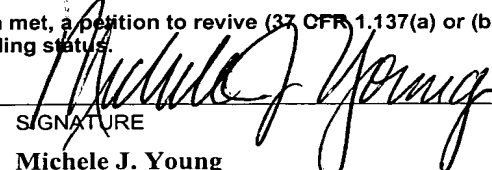
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

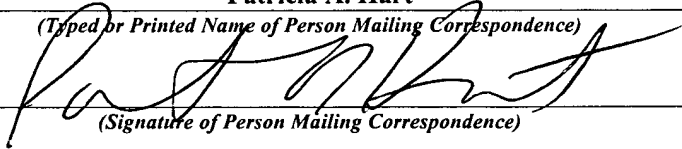
1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☐ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

**Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:**

13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
22. ☒ Express Mail Label No. **EV607365982US**
23. ☒ Other items or information:

**Form PTO-1449; Copies of (16) Cited Reference; Claim for Priority; Certificate of Mailing; Post Card Receipt**

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24. The following fees are submitted:				Applicant use	Office use
<input type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee . . . . . \$300.00				\$	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee . . . . . \$200.00				\$	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee . . . . . \$500.00				\$	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00</b>				\$	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole)	RATE		
- 100 =	0	/50 = 0	x \$250.00	\$	\$0.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	- 20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$	\$0.00
Independent claims	- 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> + \$360.00				\$	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	\$0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	\$0.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$	\$0.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +				\$	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$	\$0.00
<b>Amount to be refunded:</b>				\$	
<b>Amount to be charged:</b>				\$	
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
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				<p>SIGNATURE  <b>Michele J. Young</b></p> <p>NAME <b>43,299</b></p> <p>REGISTRATION NUMBER</p>	

<b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" (37 CFR 1.10)</b>			Docket No.	
Applicant(s): Claudia Hemmerling et al.			EIK-0003	
Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No. 23413	Group Art Unit
Invention: <b>METHOD AND MICROORGANISM FOR THE PRODUCTION OF D-MANNITOL</b>				
<p>I hereby certify that the following correspondence:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"><b>Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S. C. 371</b></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Identify type of correspondence)</i></p> <p>is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>April 11, 2005</u> <i>(Date)</i></p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"><p><b>Patricia A. Hart</b> <i>(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)</i></p><p><i>(Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)</i></p><p><b>EV607365982US</b> <i>("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number)</i></p></div>				
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